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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 16, 2008, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer and two (2) Statements under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$140, the fee a Terminal Disclaimer for a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-3129.

Applicants also submit a Notice of Appeal. The fee for a Notice of Appeal was previously paid on April 9, 2007. The fee for a Notice of Appeal has since increased from \$500 to \$540. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$40, the difference between the fee

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for a Notice of Appeal that was previously paid and the current fee for a large entity, to Deposit
Account No. 50-3129.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due at this time. However, should an
additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit
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Remarks

Claims 16-21 and 34 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious in view of claims 1-13 and 19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,800,297 to Altreuter *et al.* In response, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicants are also submitting a Notice of Appeal and will submit an Appeal Brief to appeal the Examiner's final rejection of claims 16-21 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0018072 to Unger ("Unger").

Respectfully submitted,


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